

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting, March 9, 7:30 PM, Auditorium, Town Hall

Present: Eliza Burden, Ed Trembly, John Ellis, Eric Ammondson, Rebecca Edmondson, Susan Stamps

Visitors: Mike Rademacher, Steve Rae

1. Approve Feb meeting minutes. Approved.

2. DPW Tree Department Update (Mike)

- **Tree warden update**

Mike R. reports no progress in finding a candidate.

- **Spring planting; tree orders? Additional trees to give away using MacEachern funds?**

Trees for the spring planting have been ordered. RE the MacEachern funds: We will investigate whether some of the funds could be spent on an adopt-a-tree program. Steve R. suggested this might be done with balled and burlapped trees later in the season.

- **Draft of Guidelines/fees for tree hearings**

Mike R. presented draft guidelines. We will give him feedback in a future meeting.

3. Ecofest – March 19 – “Are you Ready for Climate Change?”

- **Confirm involvement and schedule**

We are ready for this: We are registered, have a table, and have volunteers. Action: Eliza B. to collect materials for the table. Eliza B. and Eric A. will work 10am-12pm and Susan S. 12-2pm.

4. Tree Inventory – Open Tree Map (John E)

Mike R. approved a budget for Open Tree Map. We will do a pilot project on Route 12, using volunteers. John E. described the draft timeline for the pilot tree inventory and the training session by Mollie Freilicher of the DCR, which is planned for the evening of May 19. We discussed that this should be open to Arl. Tree Committee members as well as DPW staff. We also discussed the possibility of filming the training session to be used for future trainings.

5. Bylaw (Susan S) – updates

The draft bylaw version 7 has been submitted to town counsel for approval. Susan S. summarized the bylaw, followed by discussion. John E. moved that the ATC accept the bylaw with the minor revisions discussed. The motion was seconded by Susan S. and carried unanimously.

6. Publicity/Outreach

No discussion.

7. Membership, Committee Roles, Responsibilities and Tenure

No discussion.

8. New Business

No discussion.

9. Correspondence received:

Janet Wilder, 26 Peck Ave; interested in being a tree steward this year.

Next meeting: Apr 13. Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.